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May 2018 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

This document is provided to pharmacists as an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **May 2018** Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule. Please notify PHARMAC (enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz) if you want to change or remove your contact details.

New listings

- Glyceryl trinitrate (Glytrin) oral spray, 400 mcg per dose, 200 dose OP – up to 250 dose available on a PSO (p'code 2022729)
- Ibuprofen (Brufen SR) tab long-acting 800 mg (p'code 2534320)
- Lamivudine (Zetlam) tab 100 mg – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2399369)
- Mebeverine hydrochloride (Colofac) tab 135 mg (p'code 2535297)
- Oxytocin (Oxytocin Apotex) inj 10 iu per ml, 1 ml ampoule – up to 5 inj available on a PSO (p'code 2543478)
- Pregabalin (Pregabalin Pfizer) cap 25 mg (p'code 2534053), 75 mg (p'code 2534088), 150 mg (p'code 2534096) and 300 mg (p'code 2534118) – not subsidised in combination with subsidised gabapentin, STAT (all-at-once) dispensing
- Verapamil hydrochloride (Isoptin) tab 40 mg (p'code 2535327)
- Zinc and castor oil (Boucher) oint, 500 g (p'code 2537753)

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Aqueous cream (AFT SLS-free) crm, 500 g – Sole Supply suspended and STAT (all-at-once) dispensing removed 1 April 2018
- Gabapentin (Arrow-Gabapentin, Neurontin and Nupentin) cap 100 mg, 300 mg and 400 mg – addition of note
- Letrozole (Letrole) tab 2.5 mg – STAT (all-at-once) dispensing removed
- Oxytocin (Oxytocin BMN) inj 10 iu per ml, 1 ml ampoule – Sole Supply suspended
- Vitamins (Vitabdeck) cap (fat soluble vitamins A, D, E, K) – amended Special Authority criteria

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Disopyramide phosphate	Cap 100 mg	Rythmodan

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Aprepitant	Cap 2 x 80 mg and 1 x 125 mg, 3 OP	Emend Tri-Pack	